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CONCAVITY AND CONVEXITY ON SAMPLE SURFACE, AND CHARGED

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CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 based on the following prior foreign application filed in the following foreign country on the date indicated:

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Japan	2003-040494	February 19, 2003

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In support of this claim, a certified copy of the said original foreign application will be filed shortly.

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